

Criticism of Schools Resented : Charges Use of Money to Dodge Draft : Police Resent "Shakedown" : Other News of the City

CRITICISMS SAY SCHOOLS' CRITIC IS JUSTIFIED

Norristown Head Answered Secretary Dick and Dr. George Wheeler

AMAZED BY HIS FIGURES Discuss Relative Budgets for the City's Elementary and High Schools

Charges of inaccuracy, unfairness and the making of misleading statements were brought against A. S. Martin, superintendent of schools, Norristown, Pa., by officials of the Board of Education today in referring to his article appearing on the editorial page of Wednesday's EVENING LEADER.

CALLS CONTENTION ABSURD

"Such a contention when applied to education is equally absurd. It must of necessity cost more to educate the high school pupil of sixteen than it does the first grade pupil of six. The instruction of each is equally important. All of the charges made here are the two and assume that \$2 worth of high school instruction is worth twice as much as \$1 worth of elementary school instruction.

PEALE APPOINTED TO U. S. FUEL BOARD

Pennsylvania Mine Owner to Be Representative of Operators on Garfield Commission

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Rembrandt Peale, well-known Pennsylvania coal operator, has been appointed representative of the coal operators on Fuel Administrator Garfield's advisory board.

WOMEN'S PARTY COMMENTS WHITE HOUSE PICKETS

Sends Message of Commendation to Those on Trial and in Workhouse

Messages of commendation to each of the pickets who has been carrying the banner around the White House was sent today by the Pennsylvania Branch of the National Woman's party, which held its first executive meeting this afternoon at the headquarters, 213 Hale Building.

BEQUESTS SI TO HUSBAND

Woman's Will Asserts Cruel Treatment and Neglect

Asserting that her husband treated her with cruelty and failed to contribute to her support, Mrs. Catharine Dooley, 1609 West Girard avenue, in her will probated today, leaves her \$3200 estate to a sister and niece. She cuts her husband off with \$1 and leaves \$200 to the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo.

NEW JERSEY LIQUOR LICENSES

Wholesale and Retail Privileges Granted by Camden Court

The following wholesale and retail liquor licenses were granted in Camden today by Judge Kates:

Delaware Arms Plant Closes

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 14.—The New Castle Construction Company, at New Castle, has closed its plant, having completed its Russian order for shells. This plant is connected with the Artillery Fuel Company of this city, being the plant that assembled the shells which were packed in this city. The Artillery Fuel Company officials here are keeping their plant open awaiting orders for Government fuses.

Plan to Free Lancaster Roads

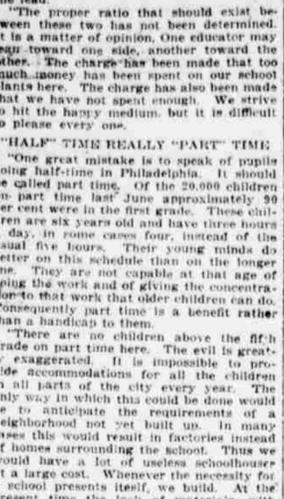
LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 14.—With the view of dividing equally with the cost of freeing the toll roads of Lancaster County, the county commissioners have instructed the county solicitor to ascertain the mileage, capitalization, annual earnings and dividends of every road which has been closed to the roads tolls.

Advisors to Inspect State Farms

HARRISBURG, Sept. 14.—State farm advisors left for the State farms today to inspect the farms. The advisors are to inspect the farms and report to the State farm commission.

FLAG IN WHISKY BOTTLES STIRS IRE

A display of the American flag with whisky bottles as holders in the window of a saloon on the southwest corner of Frankford avenue and Somerset street has aroused the patriotic anger of residents in that portion of upper Kensington and Port Richmond. They call the display a desecration to the national emblem.



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ECHOES OF WARD FIGHTS IN COURT

Factional Quarrels of Troubled Fifth Hold the Spotlight

Echoes of many ward political fights resounded in Court of Common Pleas No. 3 this afternoon, when Judge Davis heard a number of petitions for the appointment of judges and other election officers, when appointed representatives of the coal operators on Fuel Administrator Garfield's advisory board.

RESOLVED TO SAVE ALL JOHNSON ART

Mayor Determined to Raise Money Somehow to Pay New Taxes

Even if the pay of policemen and firemen was to be commandeered by transfers, the pictures, statuary, bronzes, etchings, etc., making up the Johnson art collection, will be saved to Philadelphia lovers of art, as Mayor Smith and his advisors have determined to make good the provisions of the will leaving the treasures to this city.

DELAY SENDING DRAFTED MEN

2024, Scheduled for September 19, Held Until September 23

Twenty-four of the fifty-one local draft boards in Philadelphia were ordered today to delay sending the first 45 per cent of their men to Camp Meade, Admiral, Md., until Sunday, September 23. They will leave for the camp from the North Philadelphia station at 8:30 o'clock in the morning.

CAMP NOT YET READY

The first 45 per cent were to have left here September 19, but according to the announcement of Adjutant General P. D. Geary, at Harrisburg, the camp will not be in condition to receive all of the men that early. This affects 1924 men, which is approximately half of the men who were to have left here next Wednesday.

PROBLEM IS KNOTTY

A drain of \$800,000 from municipal resources for art objects in the first year that an increased tax rate has been effective, some not only as an unexpected blow to municipal finances, but wrecks all their ambitions toward making any kind of a favorable financial showing.

Express Company Robbers Sent to Jail

Four Philadelphia negroes, who gave their names and addresses as Wilbert Wallace, 1513 Stillman street; Richard McCoy, 704 South Bancroft street; Roy Phillips, same address; and Herbert W. Wilson, 1012 South Dorrance street, were each held in 1909 jail for court by Recorder Stankhouse, in Camden today, charged with stealing goods from the Adams Express Company which was in transit from Camden to Atlantic City. The defendants were charged on the platform of the express company's station in Camden.

Celebrate Golden Wedding

LEBANON, Pa., Sept. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kohler, of this city, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary by visiting a daughter at Pottsville, Pa. Mr. Kohler is a retired merchant, and Mrs. Kohler is in good health. Both have passed their three-score-and-five mark.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harold Menle, 1018 W. Lehigh ave., and Mabel Greig, 205 N. Lawrence st., August 1, 1917. H. H. Hoffer, of Building, Pa., and Clara A. Hoffer, of Columbia ave., Raymond Holey, League Island, and Mary Hamrick, 1811 1/2 Chestnut st., George Lewis, 609 N. 34th st., and Irene H. Harris, 3404 Fairmount ave., Ralph Johnson, 418 1/2 Linden st., and Katie Clara Tate, 405 Division st., James E. Johnson, 1117 1/2 11th st., and Anna M. Alsbacher, 3450 Frankford ave., Israel J. Wilder, 2020 N. Broad st., and Ethel Hradsky, 224 N. 28th st., and Miriam G. Joseph P. Kirsh, 1819 S. 23d st., and Elizabeth J. Farrar, 224 N. 28th st., and Elizabeth J. James L. Giffin, Johnstown, Pa., and Johanna M. Regan, Johnstown, Pa., Michael J. Moran, 6078 Beechwood st., and Julia Browne, 18 W. Johnson st., and Clara A. Rutchman, 3045 N. Franklin st., Samuel Garkov, 327 Gerritt st., and Katie Clara Tate, 405 Division st., Luther S. Thompson, 1424 N. Camas st., and Helen Wynn Hall for court by Recorder Stankhouse, in Camden today, charged with stealing goods from the Adams Express Company which was in transit from Camden to Atlantic City. The defendants were charged on the platform of the express company's station in Camden.

Join Quartermaster's Corps

The following enlistments in the Quartermaster Reserve Corps were announced today: Jeremiah Egan, 28, 6025 Pine st., Anthony G. Zamb, 25, 108 S. Conoughy st., John J. Johnson, 23, 254 S. Broad st., Woodbury, Pa., Louis K. Anderson, 22, Bridgeboro, N. J.

SON SOUGHT AS SLAYER, WOMAN FORCED TO BEG

Mother of Benny Weiss, Alleged Murderer of Detective, Is Arrested on Street

A pathetic little figure of a woman stood on the corner of Third and Barbidge streets during the early hours today. In a thin, timorous voice she asked numerous persons passing by to "help a poor old woman."

Policeman Romanetti, of the Second and Third streets station, however, recalling an old ordinance of Councils that prohibited begging, placed her under arrest. Immediately she broke into sobs.

Still sobbing at the station house, she told the police that she was Mrs. Dora Weiss, 54 years old, mother of Benny Weiss, who, on August 30, is alleged to have shot and killed Detective Frank McCarty, of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue police station. He is still at large.

Magistrate Coward, in order that the police may attempt to learn from the mother, who appears much older than she really is, the whereabouts of her son, held her in \$300 bail for a further hearing next Sunday. She was forced to beg, she said, to obtain money with which to buy the necessities of life, as her husband was seriously ill at their home on Mercy street.

PERSECUTION IS SCENTED

Philadelphia policemen have turned and emphatically refused to pay political "voluntary contributions" amounting to \$29, levied by the Republican city committee for campaign expenses.

Open defiance of the committee's political assessment edict was expressed last night by Harry F. Johns, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Protective Association, the officers of which met at the home of Harry Dickerson, 5238 Pine street.

"Ninety per cent of the members of this association will fight rather than hand over assessments of \$28 each demanded by the city committee as 'voluntary contributions,'" said Mr. Johns.

"According to the Mayor's order," Johns continued, "the police are supposed to keep their hands off politics. We're going to see if the Mayor is a man of his word. If he begins to transfer to districts far from their homes policemen who have refused to submit to the group, and relief has been done, we'll know how to judge him."

PERSECUTION CHARGED

Several of the officers of the association charged that they had been subject to persecution because of their activities in looking after the interests of their fellow patrolmen. President Johns, who is now serving a term of five years in the city prison, transferred from the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station because of his activity in promoting the association. His new post is more than eight miles from his home, which is at 5121 Ludlow street.

Dickerson also charges that his summons before the Police Board of Inquiry last July was caused by his work for his comrades. He was acting house sergeant at the Thirty-eighth District station, and was accused of reporting a transfer of police to districts when the latter was asleep in the police station and off duty. At the trial the sergeant and four policemen testified that Dickerson was innocent of the charge.

Several of the officers of the association, after the meeting had adjourned, said that they expected persecution to follow their stand against the city committee. The persecution, they intimated, would probably be reflected in transfers of police to outlying districts, miles from their homes, in summons before the Police Board of Inquiry.

MAY BE BROUGHT BACK

Man Arrested in Denver Wanted on Embezzlement Charge Here

Preparations are being made today by the police to take Charles E. Tanner, a former Adams Express Company employe, extradited from Denver, to answer charges of embezzling an amount estimated at \$5000 from the company three years ago.

Tanner, who is under arrest at Denver, has been hunted by detectives for three years, following the swearing out of a warrant by E. Brooks, 2138 North Marsden street, an employe of the company, accusing him of embezzling \$25,000 of the company's money. He is now being held by the Denver authorities on a charge of forging and cashing a stolen money order.

Charges Negro Stole Pigs

The mysterious disappearance of \$1000 worth of pigs today resulted in Samuel Garnett, a negro piggery manager, being held in \$1000 bail by Justice of the Peace Huyett, at Camden. Garnett was arrested on the complaint of Charles Adkins, owner of the piggery, which is on Mt. Ephraim pike, near Collingswood. He denied stealing the pigs, but that they had died and that he had disposed of the carcasses, turning the money over to Adkins.

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